

**REMARKS**

Applicants maintain US Patent No. 6,136,130 to Tataryan et al. does not show or suggest using discontinuous microperforations in a printable substrate where the distance between microperforations varies on a given fold line. These discontinuous microperforations are defined in claim 1 as follows:

wherein said fold line comprises in alternating fashion a) microperforated sections with ties between microperforations, and b) non-perforated sections; such that a non-perforated section has a length greater than the distance spanned by at least one tie in a microperforated section

Based on the limitations above, the ties between individual microperforations and the alternating non-perforated sections are required to have different lengths.

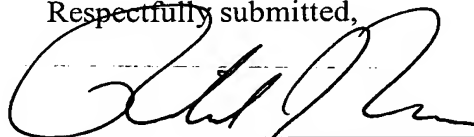
It is alleged in the Office Action that the perforations of Tataryan “are able to be formed in a variety of combinations and configurations as long as the perforations provide the necessary strength and flexibility.” Tataryan does indicate that the size of the cuts and ties with perforations can vary in dimension. However, there is no hint or suggestion that the distance between microperforations on a given fold line (ties and non-perforated sections) can vary in length, i.e. that the microperforations can be discontinuous across the page.

It is alleged that Figure 1, element 24, inherently forms a discontinuous line of perforations. Applicants submit this element is shown to be a continuous line of perforations in Figure wherein the cuts and ties are evenly spaced with no variation in distance between the cuts. This is inconsistent with the limitations of instant claim 1 and repeated above. Tataryan discloses modifying the dimensions of cuts and ties to a uniform length for a given fold line. Tataryan does not disclose modifying the dimensions of the cuts and ties along a given fold line to be different in length. It would not be obvious to employ such a

configuration since it would not be certain such a fold line would not separate during printing.

Based on the above remarks, applicants submit that all claims are now suitable for allowance and patentable over the cited reference. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of these claims are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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